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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE MAY 2, 1972

FULL NAME EDSON MERLAU
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)
ADDRESS 552 WEST 4TH STREET
CITY HOISINGTON STATE KANSAS ZIP CODE 67544
AGE 38 (This is important and should be exact)
APPROXIMATE AGE 30 (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)
RELIGION METHODIST NATIONALITY _____
OCCUPATION RAILROAD BRAKEMAN
EDUCATION _____
WEIGHT 150 COLOR WHITE HEIGHT 5'8"
COLOR OF HAIR BROWN COLOR OF EYES BLUE
OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS CAMPING WITH BOYS
3 YR. OLD SON
MARRIED OR SINGLE MARRIED CHILDREN 2 BOYS AND 2 GIRLS (STEP CHILDREN)
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)
WIFE'S NAME MELVA

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
PK. OR TR. 113	HOISINGTON	KS.	ASM	1964	2/72
SPECIAL RECOGNITION <u>NONE</u>					

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

IMMORAL CONDUCT WITH BOYS DURING SCOUTING ACTIVITIES.

SEE ATTACHED LETTER FROM PARENTS OF BOY INVOLVED.

Signed 

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council KANZA #190

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May 8, 1972

Mr. Harold D. Hahn
Scout Executive
Kanza Council, No. 190

Personal and Confidential
Re: Edson Merlau

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning Mr. Merlau.

We have added this information to our file. This will be most helpful for identification purposes in the future, should he again try to register in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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Hoisington, Kansas

April 30, 1972

Dear Sir:

One Sunday afternoon Edson Merlau took some boys ice skating. One of our sons was in the group. Our son broke through the ice and Mr. Merlau had him get in the car and take off his wet clothing and Mr. Merlau played with the boy's penis.

After the boys had returned from skating we overheard the boys talking about this happening. We started asking questions and found that the same thing had happened before and with other boys.

We reported it to the Police Captain, [REDACTED] and he called Edson Merlau in, to the Police Office, and confronted him with the information and Edson Merlau admitted it had happened.

Mr. Merlau promised Captain [REDACTED] that he would withdraw from all activities where young boys were involved. It is our feeling that he should not be allowed to take any active part in Scouting in the future.

Sincerely
[REDACTED]

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March 15, 1972

Mr. Harold D. Hahn
Scout Executive
Kanza Council, No. 190

Personal and Confidential
Re: Edson Merlau

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Thank you for your letter of March 7th and the enclosed correspondence from [REDACTED] Captain of Police, concerning Mr. Merlau. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from our records.

We would very much appreciate your sending us more documentation such as a written note from the boys involved or from their parents. This is most important for future reference and it would certainly strengthen our position of refusing to accept any future application for registration we might receive from this individual.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we will appreciate your filling out and returning to us as soon as possible, together with the above requested information. This will enable us to identify Mr. Merlau should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Paul Emst, Supervisor
Registration and Membership

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

113 West Sherman, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501 AC (316) 662-2377

KANZA COUNCIL 190

March 7, 1972

Registration and Membership
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, New Jersey

Attention Mr. Paul Ernst

Dear Sir:

Re: Placement of Mr. Edson Merlau
Route 1, Hoisington, Kansas
Currently registered SA T 113

This will notify you to place Mr. Edson Merlau on the confidential file related to a moral issue. The enclosed letter from the police Captain [REDACTED] will explain the situation. He worked in confidence with Mr. [REDACTED] who is a long time Scouter in the city of Hoisington. The investigation and follow through was held very discreetly, and the man involved has agreed to resign his Scouting position.

If there are further questions please contact me or either Mr. [REDACTED] or Captain [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Harold D. Hahn
Scout Executive

HDH:cm
Enc.



Partners with people to build men



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RALPH K. ALMIQUIST
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT

City of Hoisington

State of Kansas
67544

Captain of Police

March 6, 1972

Harold Hahn
Kanza Council Executive
Boy Scouts of America
113 W. Sherman
Hutchison, Kansas

Dear Sir:

On February 16, 1972 a Hoisington man contacted me at this department and advised that his four sons on the previous Saturday had went ice skating on a farm pond north of Hoisington with Assistant Scoutmaster Edson Merlau. The oldest boy (age 13) broke through the ice and was taken to the car by Merlau to take off his wet clothing and and to keep warm, during this time Merlau fondled the boy's penis. The Hoisington man also advised his son told him this had happened on several other occasions over the past two months, which also included his eleven year old brother. According to the father no harm was done to his sons and the matter was to be dealt with at my discretion. In view of the extreme damaging results which might be suffered by all concerned this incident was handled within the department by myself with no charges being filed at this time against Edson Merlau.

Edson Merlau was contacted on February 17, 1972 and asked to come to the Hoisington Police Department, at which time he did. Merlau was asked about the incidents described above, he stated he had fondled the boy at the farm pond, but denied any contact with the other boy at anytime. Merlau also related fondling another boy last summer during a scout camping trip, but advised the boy was fully dressed and that he and several other boys were wrestling inside a tent. Merlau advised he had this problem for some time, however at no time did any harm or sexual act take place with any boys.

It was suggested to Merlau at this time to seek professional help for his illness, and in view of the possible damaging results to scouting along with the opportunity for this to happen again, for him to resign from scouting and all related youth involvment. Merlau was also told if this type of behavior was brought to my attention again that criminal charges would be filed. Merlau stated that he would resign his position in scouting as well as other youth involvment, and if his illness continued, he would seek professional help.

Mr. Ray Humphrey in the scouting program at Hoisington was contacted along with the father and mother of the boys involved, and were advised of the action taken, they were all in agreement at this time.

I hope this will be satisfactory for all concerned to continue a normal and productive existance within our community. If I can be of futher assistance in the future, please advise.

Sincerely:)

Captain of Police
Hoisington, Kansas

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